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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - IRAN AIR VS FLIGHT CLEARANCES

BEIRUT FOR RCAA

1. DEPT CONTACTED BY HUGHES AIRCRAFT OPTICS DIV FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING CLEARANCE FOR SEABOARD WORLD CHARTERS FOR HUGHES, PLANNED FOR JULY 12, 26 AND AUGUST 9. CARGO IS ELECTRO-OPTICAL MACHINERY FOR IRANIAN MINISTRY OF WAR, ELECTRO-OPTICAL DEPOT FACTORY. HUGHES CONTRACT WITH MINWAR STATES PURCHASER WILL FURNISH AIRSPACE RIGHTS AND LANDING FEES FOR ANY CARRIER TRANSPORTING GOODS.

2. PROBLEM IS NOT USUAL DEMAND FOR NO-OBJECTION FEE. RATHER, IRAN AIR REFUSES TO CONSIDER NO-OBJECTION, WISHING INSTEAD TO CARRY CARGO. IRAN AIR, HOWEVER, HAS ONLY 707 EQUIPMENT AND NO SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES. CARGO IS EXTREMELY DELICATE, WITH SOME 20-FOOT-LONG PIECES WHICH 707 CANNOT LOAD. HUGHES WOULD LIKE TO LOAD EQUIPMENT ON SEABOARD DC-8 IN LOS ANGELES TO AVOID TRANSCONTINENTAL TRUCK TRIP AND LIKELY DAMAGE TO THE CARGO.

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3. APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONTACT ADMIRAL ARDALAN AND ATTEMPT
MOBOLIZE ENOUGH PRESSURE TO SIDESTEP IRAN AIR. INGERSOLL

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